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PATENT  
Docket No.: 16869N-029900US  
Client Ref. No.: NT0398US

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Yuzo HIROSHIGE et al.

Application No.: 09/916,140

Filed: July 25, 2001

For: METHOD FOR RECYCLE  
MANAGEMENT OF PRODUCT

Confirmation No.: 8229

Examiner: Jocelyn Greimel

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**Response to Restriction Requirement**

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 13, 2006, counsel for Assignee elects to prosecute the claims of Invention I, i.e., claims 1 and 17 which are drawn to a recycle management method, without traverse.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 650-324-6303.

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